

Save Spain's Children -- Help Lift the Embargo



Italian bombers blasted away the lives of these Barcelona children. Help lift the embargo against the Spanish Republic.

Loyalists Withdraw To New Catalan Posts; Italians Pour In Arms

High Morale, Magnificent Heroism Marks Resistance; Invaders Hurl Huge New Supply of Arms in Offensive

By Sam Russell
(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

BARCELONA, Jan. 16. — With withdrawal yesterday by the Republican troops to a line east of Valls-Tarragona, the heroic resistance of the Spanish People's Army enters a new and more urgent phase today.

After fighting for the whole morning against a triple-pronged Italian attack, the Loyalist troops in the evening withdrew in good order to new positions upon instructions of the High Command.

Lift Embargo, Unionists Ask F.D.R.

League Wires Plea in Behalf of Two Million U. S. Workers

A. E. Edwards, national labor organizer of the American League for Peace and Democracy, speaking for representatives of two and a half million organized workers, urged the immediate lifting of the Spanish embargo in telegrams sent yesterday to President Roosevelt, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

Citing the resolution passed at the recent Washington Congress for Peace and Democracy, Mr. Edwards declared the telegrams represented the sentiments of 16 international unions, two state industrial union councils, 14 industrial union, and central labor councils, ten joint boards, ten district councils, and 311 local labor unions who participated in the framing of the resolution.

"These messages to Senator Pittman and Secretary Hull," Mr. Edwards said, "are in complete accord with the expressed opinion of the American people as regards the brave struggle for life and liberty being waged by the Spanish people against international fascism."

"There is still time to save democracy for the legally elected government of Spain. By lifting the embargo now and immediately."

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President Calls Advisers on Armaments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP). — President Roosevelt today met with key fiscal, diplomatic, military and naval advisers for a conference apparently concerned with national defense and America's role in international affairs.

The White House gave no indication of the specific purpose of the conference. But it was understood that it dealt with the situation which led President Roosevelt to ask Congress for a special \$552,000,000 defense program to augment the big army and navy budget.

Included in the conference were Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Under-Secretary of the Treasury John Hanes; Secretary of War Harry Woodring; Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson; Assistant Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison; Captain S. M. Kraus of the Navy and William C. Bullitt, U. S. Ambassador to France.

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Socialist Int'l Demands Arms for Spain

(By United Press)

BRUSSELS, Jan. 16 (UP). — Delegates from 17 countries attending a meeting of the Labor and Socialist International today passed a resolution demanding that the democratic powers permit the export of arms and munitions to Loyalist Spain "inasmuch as Republican Spain is being directly attacked by the Italian and German dictatorships."

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JOBS OF 2 MILLION WPA WORKERS MENACED BY NEW THREATENED CUT

Mayor Not To Back TWU Foes, Say Friends

Angered at Report of Support for Anti-Union Bill

Mayor LaGuardia and his associates were angered by a "dope-story" appearing in Monday's issue of the New York Times asserting he will support a transit unification plan which would eliminate the Transport Workers Union from the city subway lines. It was reliably learned yesterday.

Although the Mayor made no direct comment on the story, sources close to the Administration revealed that LaGuardia, while backing a plan to put the unified lines under Civil Service, would not act to bar union organization or collective bargaining.

The Mayor, his associates said, has always been an exponent of trade unionism and that he made no statement to the effect that he would back an anti-labor plan.

The Times story said the LaGuardia administration would support a bill introduced Jan. 4 by Senator Arthur H. Wicka, Kingston, Republican, "to assure that neither patronage politics nor the CIO will dominate labor in the city's rapid transit system in the event of unification."

LaGuardia has at no time committed himself to the Wicka bill.

A high city official close to the Mayor said: "The LaGuardia administration will not allow itself to be used by Tory Republicans as an instrument against trade unionism." It was said that Mr. LaGuardia will support the Civil Service aspects of unification to defeat political patronage, but he will not accept opposition to C. I. O. organization of the lines.

John H. Delaney, president of the Board of Transportation, and Frank K. Sullivan, member of the board were reported, however, to be pressing to eliminate unionization of the rapid transit systems under unification.

The Transport Workers Union, which now has union agreements on all the private lines that would be merged under consolidation of the systems under municipal control, has definitely gone on record in favor of unification, but demands a guarantee of full union rights.

Decision Clarifies Jobless Insurance Law in State

ALBANY, Jan. 16. — The State Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board has held that benefits are payable to an employee of one of many inter-related corporations occupying space on one floor. A referee in acting upon this claim held that the corporation concerned had only three employees and therefore was not subject to the Unemployment Insurance Law, but the Appeal Board reversed the referee.

"In cases where common offices and the services of the same employees were shared by more than one firm with no specific division of the time of the employees, we have held that irrespective of the allocation of the employees' salaries to one of the firms, both firms were joint employers of all of the employees. It is clear, therefore, that in addition to the three admitted employees there were several others jointly employed in one or more of the other corporations," the decision read.

Backs Messengers



COMM. ANDREWS

U. S. Orders Steel Wage Rate Boost

Ruling Under Walsh-Healey Act to Raise Pay of 80,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP). — Acting Secretary of Labor Charles V. McLaughlin tonight fixed four minimum federal wage rates for the iron and steel industry in a decision which, officials said, means pay raises for thousands of steel workers and may be an effective bar to future wage cuts.

Acting under authority of the Walsh-Healey public contracts act, McLaughlin ruled that holders of government contracts in excess of \$10,000 must, after Jan. 31, pay the

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Loot Subway Of Million: 2 Are Held

Two men out of a ring of thirty, alleged to have been members of a band which robbed the Independent Subway System of over a million dollars in nickels the past three years, were taken into custody yesterday by District Attorney Dewey.

The men, Henry J. Aronstein, 118 Ave. W., Brooklyn, and James J. McGovern, 33 Hemlock St., Brooklyn, are accused of systematically looting turnstiles, while employed on the subway, of averages as high as \$1,500 daily.

Dewey's office reported that an alarm was out for three others.

Alliance Pickets Mass Before N. J. Legislature

200 Alliance Members Demand Relief as Sessions Open

(Special to the Daily Worker)

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 16. — New Jersey's state Legislature opened tonight with more than 200 pickets from many parts of the state picketing outside the Capitol demanding adequate provision of relief.

Pickets came under the auspices of the Workers Alliance and the C. I. O. of New Jersey, transportation in most cases provided by the municipal administration of Newark and a number of other cities.

Despite the much-publicized scare of violence and talk of bringing state troops, picketing was quiet and orderly. Few of the unemployed were able to trickle through into the galleries of the House as passes for entrance were provided only by state representatives of senators.

Signs carried by the pickets protested proposals to solve the state's relief crisis by a sale tax. The Workers Alliance is demanding a corporations and income tax to cover relief needs.

NEWARK SUPPLIES BUSES

Meanwhile reactionary Republicans in the Assembly expressed themselves resentfully against Mayor Elenstein of Newark who furnished four buses to take pickets to Trenton. Speaker Herbert J. Pascoe suggested an "investigation" of Newark relief as a retaliatory measure against the Newark mayor.

Among other cities that joined in furnishing pickets buses to bring the demand for adequate state responsibility in relief, were Bayonne and Perth Amboy.

The pickets were under the leadership of John Spain, Jr., State president of the Workers Alliance and Frank Chandler, state organizational secretary, of the Alliance.

A delegation of nearly 200 grocers were also on hand to press for their demand that the state pay up nearly \$1,000,000 owing them on credit they advanced on state relief vouchers. Most of them, however, gained entrance inside the Capitol.

Gambling With Millions of Lives

When you are destroying jobs and plunging families into starvation, why stop at the million figure? Why not two million—or even three?

That is the philosophy of Senator Carter Glass, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and other Tory Democrats and reactionary Republicans in the Senate.

In the midst of the first day's hearings on the WPA appropriation yesterday, Glass was asked if he favored boosting the \$725,000,000 figure of the House back to the original proposal of the President for \$875,000,000.

"I think that even \$600,000,000 is too much," was Glass' reply.

Think what this means! Instead of restoring the 1,000,000 WPA jobs callously wiped out by the House, the Senate may destroy still ANOTHER MILLION!

There is not a moment to be lost. Wire at once to Senator Alvah Adams, chairman of the Appropriations Sub-Committee, which is considering the WPA bill today and possibly tomorrow. Write to both your U. S. Senators. (In New York: Robert F. Wagner and James A. Meade.) Tell them you want the President's proposal of \$875,000,000 passed IN FULL.

No more Hooverville days for America!

Social Security for All Urged by F.D.R. In Plea to Congress

Special Message Urges Extension as Rapidly as Possible to Whole Nation and to Increase Protection to Children

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP). — President Roosevelt asked Congress today to consider extension of social security old age insurance protection to the whole nation as rapidly as possible.

Mr. Roosevelt made the request in transmitting to Congress the report of the Social Security Board proposing revisions in the present social security set-up.

His recommendations:
1. Extension of old age and unemployment insurance protection to uncovered workers as rapidly as possible.
2. Increased protection to aged and dependent children, either through increased pensions, particularly in early years of the Federal plan, or increased grants-in-aid to states.
3. Establishment of merit systems for state social security personnel to end "harmful" results of incompetent or politically dominated set-ups.

The report proposed that the date for instituting pensions under the contributory federal system be advanced to 1940 instead of starting

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WPA Sitdowns Begin Against Dismissals

Dismissed workers of the WPA Arts Projects last night began two sitdowns, announcing that they will continue their protest and remain without food until the pink discharge slips of 1,536 workers are rescinded.

About 50 who were on theatre projects began their sitdown in the green room of the office of the National Service Bureau of the Federal Theatre at 1,697 Broadway of which Hallie Flannigan is director. Another group, of 30, the cast of "Sing for Your Supper," began a similar sitdown at the Adelphi Theatre where they had been rehearsing.

THEATRE UNIT HARD HIT

The dismissal of the art project workers took effect yesterday. The theatre division was the hardest hit of the five arts, 1,000 of its workers receiving pink slips.

Workers Alliance picket lines marched in front of the two buildings carrying signs informing the public of the reasons for the sit-down.

Meanwhile, a committee of seven noted artists flew to Washington yesterday to deliver to President Roosevelt petitions containing 200,000 names protesting the dismissals.

The seven whose return was awaited last night, were Frances Farmer, Gertrude Niesen and Phoebe Brand of the theatre; Artie Shaw, orchestra leader; Tamiris the dancer; Robert Reed, the committee's organization director, and Michael O'Shea, theatrical press agent.

A large protest meeting against dismissals is scheduled by the Arts Committee for Jan. 29.

Protests to Senate Can Still Halt Tory Attack

Glass and Harrison Ask Further Slash of 125 Million

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. — Reactionary southern Democrats in the Senate today launched a drive to cut the \$725,000,000 relief appropriation voted by the House down to \$600,000,000.

If their plan goes through, approximately 2,000,000 workers now on WPA rolls will lose their jobs by June 30.

Their scheme would reduce WPA to a skeleton organization, with only a little more than 1,000,000 workers left of the 3,081,000 now on the rolls at the end of the five month period between Feb. 1 and July 1 covered by the deficiency appropriation.

Senators Carter Glass of Virginia, chairman of the powerful Appropriations Committee, and Pat Harrison, chairman of the equally important Finance Committee, were behind the move to cut WPA funds still further.

GLASS FOR BIGGER CUT

"I feel that this should be sufficient," Harrison said when questioned on his attitude toward a \$600,000,000 grant.

Glass told newspapermen that he would be willing to support a still larger cut.

"I never discuss matters of this kind before they reach the Senate," commented the peppery old Tory, "but I think that even \$600,000,000 would be too much."

Meanwhile, Liberal and New Deal force launched a counter-offensive to restore the full \$875,000,000 asked by President Roosevelt as the Appropriations Subcommittee headed by Senator Alvah Adams of Colorado and stacked with reactionaries began hearings.

Col. F. C. Harrington, WPA Administrator, told newspapermen that he and his aides who appeared before the Committee insisted on restoration of the cut as necessary to meet relief needs.

NEW DEALERS MOBILIZE

Several other prominent witnesses will appear before the Committee tomorrow to urge an adequate relief grant. These will include Ralph Hetzel, CIO Unemployment Director, David Lasser, President of the Workers Alliance, Mayor LaGuardia of New York and other representatives of the United States Conference of Mayors and delegates from organized groups of WPA Art Project Workers.

New Deal Senators as well as leaders of the CIO and the Workers Alliance, were, however, im-

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Mayor Flies to Capital to Fight WPA Fund Cut

Mayor LaGuardia announced last night that he will fly to Washington today to appear before the Senate sub-committee considering WPA relief appropriation. He will ask the Senators not to cut the WPA funds.

Kuhn Demands Congress Give More Funds to Extend Dies 'Investigation'

By Lowell Wakefield

Fritz Kuhn, fuhrer of Nazi agents in America, uses the current issue of his Bund newspaper to appeal for funds to continue and extend the work of the Dies Committee.

From coast to coast, the Nazi publications are beating the drum for the tory congressmen's witch-hunt against labor, the New Deal and all progressives.

The latest issue of the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, Kuhn's personal organ, referring to Dies' demand for funds for his un-American committee declares:

"Mr. Dies' wish should by all means be gratified."

The Weckruf, official Nazi German-American Bund spokesman, headlines on

page one, "Dies Committee Accuses Cabinet Members."

It also approvingly quotes on the front page a defense of the Dies Committee and of Nazi Germany and an attack on the nomination of Felix Frankfurter to the Supreme Court from Major-General Van Horn Moseley, retired.

It is Moseley who openly called for the "burning of Washington" and a massacre of all progressives, in a speech to Wall Street's Board of Trade.

"Thanks to Congressman Dies," declares the West Coast anti-Semitic and anti-democratic sheet, Christian Free Press, published at Glendale, California.

"... more power, greater independence and also MORE FUNDS to the

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GUERRILLAS SCORE REPEATED GAINS IN NORTH CHINA

Japanese Retain Precarious Hold on Key Towns as 600,000 Armed Partisans Smash Positions; Ambush 2,000 Japanese; Take Large Supply

SHANGHAI, Jan. 15.—Numerous victories have been scored during the past week by the Chinese guerrilla units blanketing North China.

In the face of the 600,000 armed Chinese partisans, the Japanese forces in North China, numbering only about 100,000 troops, are able only to garrison important towns and keep the most important communication lines precariously open.

Regular railway traffic remains impossible, due to the unremitting activity of the Chinese guerrillas. Last week partisans blew up several bridges and tore up railway tracks at a number of points on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

AMBUSH 2,000 JAPANESE

During the first week of January a Japanese detachment of 2,000 men was ambushed by the Chinese near Shanhsien, in southwest Shantung province.

Five hundred Japanese, including many officers, were killed in the battle and the Chinese captured 1,000 rifles, 30 machine guns and other valuable war materials.

In Suiyuan province People's Self-Defense Detachments are keeping the Japanese garrisons on tenterhooks, often cutting communication on the Peiping-Suiyuan railway.

In Manchuria, despite sub-zero weather, a partisan force of 3,000 men is operating along the Sungku River.

Recently the town of Tungkuo, 45 miles east of Harbin, was attacked by partisans.

In Central China, partisan units in the Japanese-occupied districts of Chekiang and Kiangsu provinces are actively combating Japanese efforts to open up a market for their goods.

In the partisan-controlled districts it is forbidden to sell goods imported from Japan or Japanese colonies or manufactured in Japanese-owned or controlled factories on Chinese territory.

This plan put into operation in November last year, is already making great headway.

USSR Makes Plans For Lenin Memorial

15 Years Since Death of Founder of Soviet Republics Have Seen Development of Socialism Under 2 Five-Year Plans

MOSCOW, Jan. 16.—Preparations are under way throughout the Soviet Union for the 15th anniversary of the death of V. I. Lenin, founder of the Soviet Republic, on Jan. 22.

During those 15 years the Soviet Union has risen to new heights of power by the two Stalin Five-Year Plans of industrialization and collectivization, which marked an entire historical epoch in the development of socialism in the U. S. S. R. in line with Lenin's directives.

Since Lenin died in the early days of 1924 from the after-effects of an assassin's bullet, socialism has triumphed and under the leadership of Joseph Stalin, the best disciple of Lenin, the Soviet people are marching forward confidently along the path to Communism.

In the huge Stalin Automobile Plant in Moscow, intensive activity has begun for Lenin Memorial Day. Hundreds of workers in this plant joined the ranks of the Bolshevik Party in 1924 to fill the gap left by Lenin's death.

Many of these workers, then unskilled laborers, have since become highly-trained department heads. A new film, "We Will Be Like Lenin," showing the scenes of Lenin's life and revolutionary activity, is being shown throughout the U. S. S. R.

Hershey Profits Mount As Machines Cause Many Layoffs

HERSHEY, Pa. — New machines recently installed by the Hershey Chocolate Corp. this week started a series of gradually increasing layoffs, which will precipitate a serious unemployment situation among the workers of the chocolate king, according to the CIO union here.

Claiming that the company made \$5,000,000 in profits during 1937, and more than that in 1938, the United Chocolate Workers, CIO local 2 is protesting the layoffs on the basis that the company can well afford to keep all its employees on the payroll, and not make them bear the brunt of the technological changes made in the plant.

The company employs some 2,000 production workers at its Hershey plant.

Japanese Lose Key Town in Heavy Fighting

Chinese Drive Foes From Sheklung on Canton-Kowloon Railway

CHUNGKING, China, Jan. 16.—After heavy fighting the Chinese have driven the Japanese from the strategic town of Sheklung, at the head of a mile-long viaduct on the Canton-Kowloon railway, southeast of Canton, it was announced here today.

At the same time Chinese partisans reached the nearby town of Tungkuwan in two broad sweeping drives from east and south.

The main Japanese force, numbering 20,000 men, is concentrated in the environs of Canton where they are feverishly throwing up fortifications.

BOMB TOKIO POSITIONS

Chinese planes bombed Japanese positions in Samsu, west of Canton, causing the Japanese heavy losses in an important outpost. Meanwhile, in North China the Chinese opened a counter-offensive in southwest Shantung province, reaching the town of Hoochin southwest of Linfeng, an important Japanese base.

In fighting around Hoochin more than 900 Japanese were killed and wounded. Remnants of a Japanese column were trapped by the Chinese.

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U. S. REOPENS DAMAGE SUIT IN SPY CASE

Charge Fraud in Award in Favor of Berlin in Black Tom Decision

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—Representatives of the United States sought today to reopen litigation in the \$50,000,000 Black Tom and Kingsland spy cases involving American munitions plants destroyed a few months before this country entered the World War.

U. S. interests asked the three-man International Mixed Claims Commission to reconsider an eight-year-old decision in favor of Germany. Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, umpire for the commission, will hear the petition for reconsideration.

American representatives charge that explosions and fires which destroyed munitions plants at the Black Tom railroad pier in New Jersey and a munitions plant at Kingsland, N. J., in 1916 and 1917 were set by German spies seeking to prevent shipment of munitions to the allies.

The commission held in 1930 that the claims were not sufficiently substantiated by evidence, but American interests now charge fraud, perjury and corruption on the part of the German government in the presentation of evidence.

The American claims were based on the fact that this country was at peace with Germany at the time. Col. Christopher B. Garnett is the American member of the commission and Dr. Victor H. Huenkel is the German representative.

Principal interest on the American claim, prosecuted in behalf of 153 individuals and firms, totals approximately \$35,000,000.

Guns May Reply To French Press, Says Rome Paper

ROME, Jan. 16 (UP).—Virginio Gayda, editor who frequently serves as Mussolini's spokesman, today warned France of "even armed" reprisals if French newspapers continue to "insult" Italian "national honor" by impugning the courage of fascist troops fighting in Spain.

Gayda's Giornale D'Italia led the way for a new outburst of Italian fascist press attacks against France following an announcement by the government's Informations Diplomatiques that Italy-French friendship depends upon a victory by the Spanish fascists.

Gayda indirectly appealed to the French Government to force discontinuance of French newspaper criticism of fascist Italy because the dispute may get beyond control and "the end, guns will go off by themselves."

Ten Killed in Rail Plunge in Argentine

SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO, Argentina, Jan. 16 (UP).—At least 10 persons were believed killed today when a locomotive and tender carrying a party of workers plunged into the Albogasta River near Frias, 80 miles southwest of here, where floods had washed away the railway bridge. Authorities feared the death toll might reach 20.

Australian Bush Fires Cause 84 Deaths in Week

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 16 (UP).—A preliminary check showed today that bush fires which have been sweeping southeastern Australia for more than a week caused 84 deaths.

The fires destroyed 750 houses in Victoria State and left 2,000 homeless. Damage was estimated at \$1,250,000 in Victoria. Heavy damage also was caused in New South Wales.

It was reported that the dismissals were due to the inability of the German employers to continue the present payment of wages in the proportion of two-thirds Netherlands florins to one-third German marks.

Celler Would Penalize Nazi Bond Defaulters

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—Rep. Emanuel Celler, D. N. Y., introduced a bill today providing that German corporations partially or completely in default on securities held by Americans must register all possible information on such assets with the State Department, under penalty of a \$1,000 fine and one year's imprisonment.

"I believe such a bill will be a concrete remedy against the indefensible discrimination against American holders of Nazi corporate dollar bonds," Celler said. "I am of the opinion that at least \$150,000,000 can be collected in this way by American holders of Nazi dollar bonds by attaching the assets of Nazi corporations."

And now this soldier writer is back in New York, back in the town he left two years ago when he was labor editor of the New Masses.

"What was the hottest spot you were in over there?" we asked him.

Soviet Production ZOOMS



THE CHART ABOVE shows the volume of industrial production in the Soviet Union and in the capitalist countries in per cent for 1938. The thick line shows the growth in the output of the U.S.S.R., the narrow line the level of industrial development in the capitalist countries.

Sharp Rise in Coal Output Follows USSR Labor Improvements

New Laws Designed to Better Labor Discipline Gives Immediate Spur to Production; Plans for Volga-Caspian Canal Drawn Up

MOSCOW, Jan. 15.—A swift rise in output of the Soviet Union's coal fields has been one of the first results of the decision of the Soviet Government to improve labor discipline. Preliminary data for the first 10 days of January shows an average daily output of more than 366,000 tons of coal, compared with the similar figure of 343,905 tons for the first ten days of December, 1938.

On Jan. 11, the preliminary date showed, production increased to 382,227 tons—2,147 tons over plan. In the Donetsk coal fields, the average daily output shot up nearly 10,000 tons, while the Kuznetsk field had an increase of 8,000 tons.

In the Kuznetsk field, which has been developed only under the Soviet Government, 53,741 tons were mined on Jan. 11, while the plan called for 51,123 tons, and on Jan. 12 the output rose to 63,388 tons.

Call Upon Entire People to Aid in Soviet Census

MOSCOW, Jan. 15.—The Central Committee of the Soviet Union and the Council of People's Commissars of the U.S.S.R. has called upon all citizens to help carry through the countrywide census on Jan. 17.

The census will play a great role in the political, economic and cultural life of the U. S. S. R. Complete statistical data on the number and composition of the population is needed in order to draw up the national economic plan.

These figures will help the government plan the work of Socialist industry and agriculture.

Police Search For Criminals in English Bombings

LONDON, Jan. 16 (UP).—Scotland Yard tonight searched for the perpetrators of a series of bombings and explosions in English cities.

Police suspected an organized plot with political motives in six blasts in England during the day, two in London, three in Manchester and one in Crosby, near Liverpool.

Two explosions rocked northern Belfast, in North Ireland, during the afternoon.

The blasts were ascribed to members of the Irish Republican Army.

But when Ed Rolfe said good-bye to the Lincoln Brigadiers at the French border a fascist bombing raid blew up the railroad tracks just behind him.

GETTING THE STORY That story had to be a day late. Such things happen, but the Daily Worker correspondent gets the breaks. He has a big advantage over the correspondent for the capitalist news agencies and newspapers in many ways. And that's because his paper lets him write stories that no other papers want.

The Daily Worker correspondent, said Rolfe, can write about the news that makes the news. The Daily Worker knows, for instance, that the Spanish people itself is waging the war. The army is a people's army and the rest of the people are behind it. So the story of the people behind the lines is

Filing war stories isn't always easy. At a New York convention you can wave to the telegraph boy with your copy and the job's done.

LOYALISTS TAKE UP NEW CATALAN SITES

Italians Hurl Huge New Supply of Arms in Big Offensive

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strict invincible barriers around our cities. Every farm and village will be transformed into a fortress. The fascist invaders will not be able to advance a step without meeting resistance. Hundreds of thousands of men and women are determined not to be slaves. The foreign invaders will not pass! Catalonia will be the tomb of the invaders!"

While the democratic countries look on, the Italian intervention is becoming more blatant. Yesterday, with the arrival of the Italians in Tarragona, the Italian generals Bratti, Lazzarini and Pace sent insistent messages greeting Mussolini "from the shores of Mare Nostrum" ("Our Sea").

The messages, sent by wireless, were picked up by Republican radio stations.

AMERICA MUST ANSWER The free American people can have only one reply to this flouting of the opinion of the civilized world by Mussolini. It must raise the embargo on arms for democratic, Republican Spain.

Catalonia is making a mighty effort. All morning long the streets of Barcelona were filled with men going to join units and women going to replace men in the factories.

The days ahead of full of danger, yet Catalonia will be worthy of the confidence which all Spain has placed in her. Now it is up to the free peoples of the world, and most of all America, to be worthy of the heroic defenders of the liberty of pain and their liberty and peace.

LOYALISTS MAKE NEW GAINS BELOW MADRID

HENDAYE, French-Spanish Frontier, Jan. 16 (UP).—On the Tagus and Estramadura fronts below Madrid the Loyalists today reported new gains in their offensives. The Loyalists were "pressing hard" on fascist defenses in the Penarroya mining zone of Estramadura after turning back enemy counter-attacks.

On the Tagus front the Loyalists struck across the river south of Madrid and advanced on the single railroad line severing fascist lines to the former capital between Puente del Arzobispo and Talavera de la Reina.

Chilean Nazis Adopt Democratic Program, Name

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 6 (UP).—The National Socialist (Nazi) Party today changed its name to the Popular Socialist Vanguard to end confusion in nomenclature with the German Nazis and to dispel the belief abroad that the Chilean organization is connected with the Reich Government.

The change was voted unanimously at the party's convention, which said the organization was "frankly leftist, anti-imperialist and anti-fascist, and a defender of a democratic regime."

Hungarian Minister Pays Visit to Hitler

BERLIN, Jan. 16 (UP).—Hitler today received Hungarian Foreign Minister Count Charles Csaky at his office in the new Reich chancellery.

Csaky was the first official visitor to the 900-room chancellery completed last week.

"Hungary's adherence to the anti-Communist alliance (the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo bloc) shows she affirms her solidarity in every way with the Berlin-Rome axis," the announcement said. Csaky also conferred with Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop.

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WEST COAST NAZIS FIELD FOR VILE ANTI-SEMITIC HAND BILLS

Kuhn's Aide Gets Stern Warning; Court Official Cites Wide Drive to Inflammate Race Hatreds in Los Angeles Area

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—Hermann Schwinn, West Coast "fuehrer" of the Nazi German-American Bund, was arrested here this morning for distributing violently seditious anti-Semitic leaflets. Arrested with Schwinn, who is Fritz Kuhn's right hand man, were Bundsters Michael Drey, John Haase, Robert Lee and August Mueller.

The Storm Troop, quietly were grilled by District Attorney Byron Fitts and John Klein, special officer of the District Attorney's office, and then released with the stern warning that on a second violation they would face prosecution under the California Criminal Syndicalism Law.

Klein told reporters: "For the past few months there has been a concerted effort to foment racial prejudice. On one occasion venomous handbills were showered from a downtown department store."

"Such practices will not be tolerated in Los Angeles," Mayer Fletcher Bowron and the District Attorney are working in close collaboration to nip such practices in the bud."

SEIZED IN HITLER OFFICE Police Captains Jess Winn and Everett Davis declared that Schwinn and his co-conspirators were planning to blanket the city with their handbills by releasing them from the tops of downtown office buildings.

The five resisted arrest and swore at the police when apprehended, Winn and Davis said.

Ten thousand of the leaflets were seized in Hitler headquarters in the Deutsches Haus here. Each contained a crude and vulgar anti-Jewish drawing and read, in part:

"Christian Vigilantes arise. Buy Gentile, Employ Gentile, Vote Gentile. Hollywood is Sodom and Gomorrah, where international Jewry controls vice, dope and gambling."

Police are examining the connections between Schwinn and Henry Allen, leader of the local Silver Shirts. Allen has been arrested several times here and in San Diego for similar activity.

United States Attorney Benjamin Harrison is already pressing for cancellation of Schwinn's citizenship. The Nazi leader faces possible deportation for falsifying statements on his naturalization papers.

Del Vayo Tells League Spain Will Fight On

Confers With Halifax and Bonnet to Urge Immediate Aid to Republic

GENEVA, Jan. 16 (UP).—Julio Alvarez del Vayo, the Spanish Government's Foreign Minister, conferred today with British Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax and French Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet and later appeared before the League of Nations Council's 104th session to announce that Loyalist resistance would continue "to the last man."

"We are now a 100 per cent Spanish army fighting for Spanish independence, as has been made clear here today," Del Vayo said.

He referred to a report by General J. A. Lander of Finland, head of an International Commission investigating withdrawal of foreign volunteers from the Spanish Loyalist armies.

Lander's report, adopted by the League Council, said that it had been ascertained that all foreigners had been removed from the Loyalist ranks, in accordance with a promise made to the League by Del Vayo last fall, although about 2,000 of those volunteers are in concentration points awaiting actual repatriation.

CARRIES OUT PLEDGE Del Vayo, in conversations with Halifax and Bonnet, was understood to have stressed the importance of a Republican victory in Spain to French security and the position of the Anglo-French Entente.

In his speech before the League Council, the Loyalist leader said: "The Spanish Government has carried out fully and completely the withdrawal of foreign combatants from its army. It is not through the negligence of the Spanish Government nor the International Commission that they have not all been completely evacuated from Spain. With regret I must observe that the Spanish Government has not received all the diplomatic facilities to which it is entitled."

THE STORY IN THE REAR "What happens in the rear is often of decisive importance for the army at the front," said Rolfe.

The Daily Worker wants the stories of the rear and it gets them. Such news interests capitalist cable desks little. The story of the immense political effect of Premier Negrin's 13 points is of little interest over those counters.

To Rolfe the big story of this war has been the wonderful morale of the Spanish people. It weathered the fiery test of the fascist advances last March. Shattered Loyalist armies reorganized and advanced. That happened in Spain in Napoleonic times, as General Lister is fond of telling the troops. The Spanish people, says Rolfe, will bury fascism.

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EDWIN ROLFE, SOLDIER AND DAILY WORKER REPORTER, 'SCOOPED' WORLD ON SEGRE CROSSING

By Art Shields

Joseph North, Daily Worker war correspondent, scooped the world when he crossed the Ebro with the Loyalist troops last summer.

But Ed Rolfe, his successor on the Spanish news job, made the same crossing, too.

Rolfe did it as a soldier. A month later this Lincoln Brigadier took Joe's place as Daily Worker correspondent. And as a reporter, he crossed the Segre River with the Loyalist troops, the first war correspondent to do so.

Rolfe saw the famous crossing first and Daily Worker readers saw it with him as they read his exclusive dispatches in this paper.

EBRO HOTTEST SPOT And now this soldier writer is back in New York, back in the town he left two years ago when he was labor editor of the New Masses.

"What was the hottest spot you were in over there?" we asked him.

But Rolfe was used to that. He had been a soldier himself.

Bombs are routine incidents to Spanish war correspondents, though one never quite gets used to them.

"The first thing we do after a bomb strikes is to run to the spot to see just what happened," said Rolfe. The second is to visit the morgue to see who was killed."

His worst bombing experience was in Barcelona last March, when he was editing the "Volunteers of Liberty," the American soldiers weekly.

"The most horrible thing I ever saw," said Rolfe. "Three thousand people dead. A street car bombed and burned—a mother's head hanging out of the car window by a shred of flesh on one side and her baby's head hanging out on the other side."

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CIO-AFL PORT UNITY ON COAST TOLD BY MARITIME LEADER

Bruce Hannon, Pacific Federation Head, Here on
Joint CIO-AFL Maritime Legislative Plans,
Cites Waterfront United Action

Cooperation between A. F. of L. teamsters and CIO longshoremen in San Pedro, California, is the latest and most dramatic example of labor unity on the West Coast, Bruce Hannon, secretary of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, declared here yesterday.

Hannon was visiting the East to make final arrangements for a joint legislative committee in Washington through which the West Coast Maritime Federation, comprising CIO, A. F. of L. and independent unions, will work together with East Coast maritime unions for the first time in legislative work. Hannon said that while here, he had met with leaders of the National Maritime Union and the American Communications Association, who would be associated with the West Coast unions in the legislative work during the coming session of Congress.

CIO-A. F. OF L. ACTION

Hannon related how the San Pedro Checkers Local, affiliated with the CIO Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union had been attempting for eleven months to compel the employers to negotiate. Finally a meeting was held, in which the Brotherhood of the Teamsters, the San Pedro local of the Sailors Union of the Pacific (both A. F. of L. organizations) and the unions of the Federation planned joint support for the Checkers.

"On Jan. 2, a joint picket line was set up. For two days the port of San Pedro was tied up. Then, for the first time, the employers agreed to negotiate," said Hannon.

The teamsters are cooperating on various issues in "several other Pacific Coast cities, including Seattle," Hannon continued. "In these activities, the teamsters are working in accordance with the policy state by their chief, Daniel Tobin, at the A. F. of L. convention."

POLLS SPUR UNITY
The Maritime Federation itself, Hannon pointed out, has united CIO, A. F. of L. and independent unions for a long period.

"Along with the CIO waterfront unions, the Federation has such A. F. of L. unions as the Machinists and the Boilermakers affiliated with it, and the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Waterenders, an independent organization."

Hannon said that the whole movement for coordinated labor activity had received tremendous impetus up and down the Coast as a result of the elections—in which joint efforts led to smashing New Deal victories in California and Washington—and more recently by the release of Tom Mooney.

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R. R. Worker Tells Why He Went to Spain

Learned the Need of Solidarity in Fight for Decent Labor Conditions and for a Genuine Dining Car Employees Union

Jimmy Yates, a Negro dining car worker, just returned from Spain where he fought in the Loyalist army, tells his own story.

By James Yates

My first experience which taught me the need of labor solidarity and eventually led me to go to Spain to fight for democracy, began in 1926 when I started to work on the railroad as a waiter in the dining car service. We had a union, but it was a company union. We secured no benefits

In the Clear

By Burt Gary

Brothers: Every yard and terminal is infested with them. While they're outside the law, they seem to enjoy company protection (don't they operate in the open?) Sure, you hit it... LOAN SHARKS! Well, the loan sharks have hooked us plenty up to now, and it's about time we got on the other end of the line and hooked them right out of business. This can be done with a better rate of pay (remember the Fact Finding Board Report which showed we are paid less than other industries), vacations this summer with pay, and a weekly pay check. Of course, we'll have to live up to our locals to do all this.

A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, kept up his fight against race discrimination and the barriers against Negroes existing in many A. F. of L. unions, at the Houston Convention of the American Federation of Labor. About 30 affiliates of the Federation still draw the color line. Randolph pointed out, and some 15 railroad unions, the convention went on record against this discrimination, which proved to be one of the most progressive steps taken by the delegates at Houston. "This resolution," Randolph declared, "is to help educate the white workers of the South to the fact that they have everything in common with the Negroes. They should not fight each other, but should help each other."

FOR THE SIX-HOUR DAY!

Safety First: How come that when a R.R. worker gets hurt (99 times out of 100 due to speed-up on the job), the company claim agent... a nice fellow... goes to work on him (as soon as he's X-rayed). And what a work-out! How many workers get beaten out of their proper compensation? Plenty!!! A word to the wise. Insist on settling through your union, and BY ALL MEANS WAIT until you're O.K. and BACK on the job before you sign a release.

Mr. Thomas F. Woodcock, who writes for the New York Sun, wins our award for the best tall story of the year to date. Listen: He "proves" (Jan. 7 edition of the "Sun") that the over-capitalization talk about the R.R. is plain rot. All I can say is Billy Rose ought to get him for his big World's Fair Extravaganza! The TRUTH is that the roads are over-capitalized by more than 100 per cent, and a "simple" operation is needed... dehydrate their BONDS.

Our successful fight against the 13 per cent wage steal was labor's biggest victory of 1938. Well, that job's NOT finished. We've got to get off our elbows. Around the curve in 1939 we must win job security, an improved pension law, vacations with pay, and above all else UNITY in the labor movement.

C. P. Leaflet at Sunnyside Wins On Negro Right

Workers in the Sunnyside Yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad received a practical lesson on the value of labor solidarity recently, when a protest against Negro discrimination on promotions forced the management to retreat.

Negro workers eligible for steam helpers jobs were being passed over by the bosses, even though it meant a violation of union seniority rights. Job after job went to outsiders while eligible Negro workers were ignored. A leaflet issued by the Communist Party protesting against this clear violation of seniority rights and demanding equal rights on the job for Negro workers was widely distributed. Men read the leaflet, passed it on, talked about the cases cited. The management was uneasy—especially as the leaflet had made clear the company was violating the Railroad Labor Act.

Suddenly, almost over night, steam-helpers jobs were available for Negro workers. First three, then four more, and now twelve Negroes are employed as steam helpers. Labor unity solved this case of discrimination against Negro worker. Labor unity alone can solve the problem of injustice for Negroes in the railroad industry.

Communist Leader Flays Latest Cashen Slander

Joint Labor-Employer 'Solution' Scheme Seen as Favoring Railroad Operators, Does Not Advance Workers' Interests

By William Z. Foster

In a recent issue of "Labor" (organ of the Standard R. R. Labor Union), President Cashen of the Railroad Switchmen's Union, official red-baiter for the Railway Labor Executives Association, says that the Communists, especially myself, were disappointed that the wage cut controversy was settled without a strike.

This is plain slander. The fact is that the Communists share the common satisfaction of the railroad workers that a bitter struggle was not necessary. And it is precisely the course advocated by us; that is, a resolute stand by the rank and file and a determination to strike if necessary, that was the principal factor in forcing the companies to back down.

If pussyfooting of the Cashen variety had anything to do with the victory, it was not visible to the naked eye. That we were justified in warning the railroad workers against unfavorable action by their conservative leaders, is shown anew by the latter's joint recommendation with the companies to the government through the President's fact-finding committee, on how to solve the mess the railroads have got themselves into.

These proposals—to give the companies a freer hand in making consolidations and in setting railroad rates, to reduce their taxes and to give them great wads of government money—have nothing in common with the interest of the railroad workers, nor of the farmers. On the contrary, they play directly into the hands of the great railroad bankers who are already pulling down hundreds of millions of unearned dollars from the railroad industry.

Such proposals do not touch the basic evils of the railroads, chief among which are their huge over-capitalization and their excessive bond interest rates. Hence they will not solve the railroad crisis.

What is necessary is government ownership of the railroads. Repeatedly railroad unions have endorsed nationalization of the roads, but George Harrison, David B. Robertson, Cashen, Jewell, and the other conservative leaders have never taken this matter seriously. And in their joint company-union proposals to the government they seem to have forgotten it altogether.

"THERE'S the Trouble!"



N. Y. Central Cut In Help Piles Filth on Tracks

Dear Mr. Editor: At the present time the management of the New York Central R.R. in following the policy of cutting to the bone has effected considerably the health of the men in the terminals.

At Grand Central the present force of maintenance on the track is insufficient to keep the terminal sanitary. Garbage and dirt is left under the platform under which the men must crawl to work on the trains.

Protest of safety committee have been on no avail. To the management the health of the men is not important. It will apparently take the action of union to force a change.

Respectfully yours,
Grand Central Employee.



FOSTER SAYS R. R. CUT STOPPED BY RESOLUTE STAND; SEES NEW DANGER

Communist Leader Flays Latest Cashen Slander A Stronger Voice for Railroad Progressives

With this issue LISTEN grows up from a rotographed sheet into a printed paper.

It will continue to be the paper of railroad workers edited and written by members of the Communist Party in the railroad industry, with the advice and assistance of progressives who want to forward our work. We are proud of the advance LISTEN has made, proud that our industrial paper now appears with the DAILY WORKER.

Now readers of LISTEN will receive a paper dealing with their own particular problems, as well as have the chance to read a working class newspaper, the DAILY WORKER.

We want our friends to get familiar with our big brother, and to learn how the "DAILY" scoops the world on news of the working class, how our big brother is the only paper that honestly and bravely and unhesitatingly gives us a true picture of the world we live in.

LISTEN has grown sufficiently to be printed. And the editors take this occasion, the beginning of another year to make a few resolves.

They want to improve LISTEN.

They want to draw more and more railroad workers into the columns of LISTEN, to hear a great deal more about their problems and their outlook.

They want LISTEN to appear regularly every month, and to be on time, and to contain more news than ever.

The first year was a beginning, but now LISTEN must be a paper every railroad worker will be proud of and come to consider his own. In this brave resolve, the editor asks your cooperation, and more than that, your letters, your articles, your questions, your discussion. Help make LISTEN the voice of the progressive workers in the railroad industry.



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
(National Chairman of the Communist Party)

What 'Listen' Aims to Win in Rail Industry

The editors of LISTEN pledge themselves to support and fight for the following minimum program to benefit the workers in the railroad industry:

1. LISTEN endorses and will give full support to the legislative program of the 21 standard railroad unions. This means putting all possible pressure without loss to themselves, and with the cost borne by the companies.
2. LISTEN will defend labor's bill of rights, the National Labor Relations Act, against amendments that will render it useless.
3. LISTEN will fight for labor unity in our own unions and among all unions of working men and women.
4. LISTEN will advocate the increase of the political voice of the working class to assure greater security to all, to support President Roosevelt's recovery program, to defend the unemployed and WPA workers, to uphold the right to strike and picket.
5. LISTEN opposes all gifts from the Federal treasury to Wall Street railroad owners.
6. LISTEN insists that any Federal government loans to the railroads be earmarked for the purchase of new equipment and the expansion of the railroad service (thus spreading railroad labor employment).
7. LISTEN will continue to demand government ownership of the railroads—but ownership that protects the workers and prohibits the unloading upon the public of watered stocks and bonds.

Read "Railroad Workers Forward," by William Z. Foster. An authoritative analysis of the issues that confront all railroad workers. Price 10c.

Questions & Answers

By ANDY

Question: I was talking to a fellow around the yard the other day about nationalizing the railroads. He said: "Jack, you're a dope. If the government took over the roads they would consolidate most of the yards and throw a million guys out of work." Is this right?—JACK P.

Answer: Your question is a very important one, Jack. Yes, if the Old Dealers and the Republicans could have their way, government ownership of railroads—if they are forced to accept such a plan—might cost workers jobs and money. You see, the railroads are in such a financial mess—owing to their owners' floundering around with watered stocks and purely phony bankruptcy actions—that a lot of Wall Street men have been secretly toyling with the idea of government ownership.

The Daily News, the tabloid, tipped off the Tories' hand. Yes, let's have nationalization of railroads, the News said, in its chatty style. How to go about it? Buy the stocks and bonds at the market price and then let the government consolidate the roads and operate for "economy."

What does this mean? Buying in the railroads at "market" price means having the working people of America pay Wall Street for fifty years of financial highway robbery, means having the United States government pay for all the phony bonds, all the watered stock, and "economy." The News hopes that if the government takes over the railroads, the whole operation will be at the expense of the workers.

But the Communist Party's program for nationalization of the railroads is very different indeed. First of all, we insist that the government pay no fancy prices for railroad stocks. In no case should the government pay more than 75 per cent of the actual cost of reconstruction. Roads such as the New Haven, the Milwaukee, and the Chicago & Great Western should be paid for on the basis of no more than one-third their present inflated value.

Then the Communist Party raises the important slogan: Workers Come First in Nationalization: Not a Worker Must Lose His Job. Government ownership under our program would mean more jobs on railroads, not less. For the Nationalization law we propose must have the six-hour day, perhaps the 30-hour week, if necessary; the short train provision; no speed-up; strict

CIO Seamen Ask Talks With U. S.

Curran Wires U. S. Maritime Commission to Reply on Demands; IO Unions Meet on Unity Action in Chicago

By DeWitt Gilpin
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 16.—Meeting here to establish "coordination of action," leaders of 10 CIO maritime unions today awaited an answer from the U. S. Maritime Commission to their demand for an immediate parley.

Joseph Curran, chairman of the CIO's Maritime Committee, yesterday wired the Federal Agency pointing out that it was failing to comply with previous assurances given the maritime unions, and requested an immediate parley.

Curran's wire said, in part: "This committee requests an immediate conference between a sub-committee composed of Joseph Curran, John Green and Lee Pressman, general counsel of the CIO, to consider, prior to the submission of your report to Congress on Jan. 26, definite assurances for the safe-guarding of a sound policy to train the present personnel of the U. S. merchant marine and assure those representatives of the Maritime Workers that the labor policies of the present administration will be carried out in the functions of the Maritime Commission and not in any way interfere with the rights guaranteed under existing laws."

HITS ANTI-LABOR POLICY Curran, in his opening address to the maritime union leaders, had declared that the U. S. Maritime Commission had "inaugurated an anti-labor and anti-New Deal policy."

Yesterday's meeting of the CIO Maritime Committee was the first session of the body since its establishment at the CIO convention.

Formed to direct the activities of 10 unions, the committee listed its objectives at the present conference as follows:

1. Coordination of organizational campaigns.
2. An organizational drive among inland boatmen and Great Lakes Maritime Workers.
3. Improvement of relations between the unions and the U. S. Maritime Commission.
4. Defeat of Government operated sea service bureau (fink) halls.
5. Drafting of a legislative program for the present session of Congress.
6. Collective bargaining on Government-owned vessels.

Among the Union leaders present at the parley, in addition to Curran, were Eugene Burke, secretary-treasurer, Maritime Cooks and Stewards Association of the Pacific; Clyde Deal, President Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific; John Green, president, Industrial Union of Maritime and Shipbuilding Workers of America; Samuel Hogan, president, Marine Engineers Beneficial Association; Joseph Jurich, president, Federated Council of Fishermen; and Mervyn Rathbone, president, American Communications Association.

Expected to arrive tomorrow to attend the parley was John Brophy, CIO executive director. Declaring that the CIO committee would take action that would lead to the formation of one union in the maritime industry, Chairman Curran said:

"Principal among the tasks facing the Committee will be the coordination of all organizational activities in the Maritime industry, with a view to eventually attaining the goal as set forth in the Philosophy of the CIO—one industrial union in the industry."

"The CIO has recognized, and this committee recognizes, that an industrial union in the industry cannot be achieved without first establishing complete unity of action among the Maritime unions of the CIO. Therefore, it will be the task of this Committee to establish a center through which the coordination of action within the Maritime unions can be accomplished."

Leaders of the Unions predicted that eventually the 500,000 members in the organizations would be united into one union.

British Steamer In Distress Off Cape Hatteras

(By United Press)
The British steamer Swinburne, one of her hatches stove in, sent out distress signals tonight from a position about 350 miles east of Cape Hatteras, RCA reported.

seniority; union recognition by the government, and workers would retain the right to strike.

Contrast the Tory and progressive programs for government ownership of railroads. And then, never talk of nationalization without talking of the strict rules under which the government must take over the roads. Make the six-hour day, the short train provision, no speed-up and the right to strike, part and parcel of the Government Ownership slogan. Railroad progressives will try to tell the workers that government ownership means loss of jobs. It isn't true. Fight it. So long until next month...

Mayor Names Two as City Magistrates

Mahoney and Northrop Are Independent Democrats

Mayor LaGuardia yesterday announced the appointment of two independent Democrats as City Magistrates.

They were Robert F. Mahoney and William Bacot Northrop, both of Manhattan. They were immediately inducted into office. Mr. Mahoney, a member of the Knights of Columbus and national counsel of the Association of the Recognition of the Irish Republic, will fill the vacancy made by resignation of Magistrate H. Stanley Renaud.

Mr. Northrop will take the place left vacant by the death of Magistrate Earl Smith. He was a law associate and nephew of Judge Samuel Seabury and worked on the Seabury investigating staffs during 1930, 1931 and 1932.

Kuhn Wants More Funds To Aid Dies

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chairman of the investigating committee," it adds. (Emphasis as in text—ed.)

The California Nazi organ, which was violently anti-Catholic until Father Coughlin joined the ranks of Nazi propagandists, prints a long article about "three mariners" who will save a boat which "is rocking badly for the storm is heavy."

"The boat?" it says: "America."

"The men?" Moseley, Coughlin, Dies."

The Nazi press is not alarmed by Dies' occasional shadow-boxing with the menace of Hitler's spies, publicists and saboteurs. For reasons of "freedom," explains the Christian Free Press, "Mr. Dies has to name in the same breath 'Communism, Fascism and Nazism' although he knows that the two latter, Fascism and Nazism, are the normal elements of any nation to the horrors and atrocities of the brutal and inhuman international Judeo-Communism."

From the inner circles of Wall Street finance to madman Hitler, the destroyers of democracy have placed their stamp of approval on Dies.

By his supporters, know him!

FDR Urges Security For All

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In 1942 and that coverage be broadened to include approximately 16,000,000 persons not now protected by the system.

The President praised the functioning of the old age, unemployment and child aid plans of the present Social Security Act, but declared the government "would be derelict in our responsibility if we did not take advantage of the experience we have accumulated to strengthen and extend its provisions."

"This very fact," he said, "creates the necessity of extending this protection to as large a proportion as possible of our employed population in order to avoid unfair discrimination."

Mr. Roosevelt criticized "incompetent and politically dominated" state social security set-ups which he charged had in some states proved "distinctly harmful" to success of the program.

Appoint Schmidt as State's 2nd Deputy Industrial Head

Industrial Commissioner Fred S. Miller today announced the appointment as second Deputy Industrial Commissioner of Godfrey P. Schmidt, who since February, 1938, has been Counsel to the Division of Women in Industry

ALP Bloc in City Council to Push for President's Relief Bill

\$875,000,000 FOR WPA URGED BY LABORITES

Laborites to Press for Industrial Labor Bureau at Fair

The American Labor Party bloc in the City Council will introduce a resolution at today's session of the municipal legislative body calling on Congress to approve President Roosevelt's recommendation for a WPA appropriation of \$875,000,000.

Immediate consideration of the anti-relief cut resolution will be asked by the Laborites.

At the same time, the Laborites will present legislation to establish an Industrial Labor Bureau for the World's Fair.

The World's Fair resolution states that at present there does not exist an authorized and centralized agency to which private employers at the Fair can go to secure trained personnel for the various enterprises.

PRIZE MOONEY PARDON

Another resolution dropped into the legislative hopper by the Laborites is one extending approval to Governor Herbert Olson of California for issuing a pardon to Tom Mooney.

The resolution calls Governor Olson's act as "an important and timely demonstration of the equity and justice inherent in democratic government."

The World's Fair resolution itemizes the duties of the proposed Industrial Labor Bureau as follows:

- 1.—To list and classify all exhibitors and service agencies in the World's Fair.
- 2.—To investigate the personnel needs of these agencies.
- 3.—To classify by trade and occupation all applicants for positions with the exhibitors and service agencies in the World's Fair.
- 4.—To set up a system of coordination between the exhibitors and those desiring to seek employment with them in the World's Fair.

- 5.—To act as a clearing house for all exhibitors desiring specialized types of personnel.

CITES TRAINED PERSONNEL

The resolution further states that there is a reservoir of approximately 850,000 trained personnel available in the city equipped to do work for the private employers at the Fair. It asks that New York residents be given first preference.

A labor party spokesman said his group would demand that a resolution introduced by Salvatore Ninio, Bronx Laborite, last June calling for an investigation of the employment policies of the World's Fair be discharged from the rules committee.

A new meat grading bill will also be introduced today by the Labor bloc. This bill contains only the "grading" sections as written in the old bill. It would compel examination and stamping of proper grades on all meat to protect consumers against inferior grades.

The section of the old bill, calling for licensing of butcher establishments has been eliminated from the new measure.

Consumer groups throughout the city are backing the meat grading plan as is the Department of Markets.

Among other legislation to be introduced by the Laborites today is a resolution condemning action of the Board of Education in revoking substitute teachers' licenses after five years as an "arbitrary, unjust way of dismissing a vexatious problem."

The resolution urges that experienced substitutes be given concessions again on regular examinations and that tenure be granted the substitutes who have had satisfactory years of teaching experience and have been rated by their supervisors.

Radio Stars to Testify in Benny Smuggling Trial

Four radio stars—Gracie Allen, George Burns, Jack Pearl and Kenny Baker—were subpoenaed by federal authorities today to testify at the trial of Jack Benny, radio and screen comedian, on a smuggling indictment.

Burns already has pleaded guilty to a smuggling charge but Benny last week pleaded not guilty to a similar indictment.

The Burns and Benny indictments center around the activities of Albert N. Chaperau, dapper habitue of Hollywood and Paris, who today pleaded guilty to three more smuggling indictments, including two which involve Burns.

Chaperau admittedly served as smuggler for Burns and Benny as well as Mrs. Elms Lauer, wife of a New York State Supreme Court Justice. Claiming diplomatic immunity as a commercial attaché of the Nicaraguan Government Chaperau brought into this country much Paris finery and jewelry without paying customs duties.

Boston Legislative Parley Opposes Tory Slash in WPA Funds

Labor, Social Conference in Massachusetts Urges Billion Dollar Relief Grant; CIO, AFL Unite on State Demands

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 16.—Two hundred and thirty-five delegates attending the broadest conference on social and labor legislation ever held in Massachusetts, went on record yesterday at the Parker House against any cut in WPA and for a billion dollar appropriation.

A strong plea for unity on progressive legislation regardless of its origin was made by Michael Widman, New England Regional Director of the CIO.

Widman said: "I am authorized by my executive committee to extend the hand of cooperation, on these matters which are today so urgent and necessary." A rising vote and cheers greeted a resolution hailing Governor Olson's action in freeing Tom Mooney and greetings were sent to Mooney with the conference going on record for the release of Warren K. Billings.

Frank Reel, prominent labor attorney, outlined the legislative program of the A. F. of L. and denounced local red-baiters who had termed the last conference as "communist."

The delegates came from twenty-nine A. F. of L., twenty CIO and six independent unions as well as from twenty-nine organizations including the League of Women Voters, all departments of the YWCA, the Boston Council of Social Agencies, which represents every social agency in greater Boston, the Massachusetts Car Owners Association, as well as church, Negro, youth, women's and other groups.

Chief legislative measures endorsed by the conference were: State wages and hours act; state fund for workmen's compensation; repeal of the teacher's loyalty oath law, ratification of the child labor amendment, cancellation of the waiting period for unemployment insurance, Proportional Representation for Boston, opposition to the sales tax, for a graduated income tax, establishment of a state youth administration, and a program for state health insurance.

A broad co-ordinating committee was set up to continue work on these and other measures in a well rounded out program which included a special conference on health problems in the near future.

18th A.D. Brooklyn C. P. School Starts in New Quarters

The Third Section training school of the 18th Assembly District, Brooklyn, Harry Graham Organizer, started in the beautiful classroom of the new A.D. headquarters, 239 Ulica Avenue.

The students chose as the name for the school, Tom Mooney Training School, in anticipation and commemoration of that great labor martyr.

Stars Fight WPA Cuts



OFF TO WASHINGTON. The Theatre Arts Committee (TAC) sends a delegation of Broadway celebrities to protest against cuts in appropriations for the WPA. In the front row, left to right, are Tamara, Frances Farmer and Phoebe Brandt. Back row: Art Shaw and Gertrude Niesen. Daily Worker Photo

Morley Backs Guild Strikers



Christopher Morley, essayist, author and labor authority, receives a cup of coffee at strike headquarters food counter after delivering inspirational talk to Chicago Newspaper Guild strikers against Hearst's two Chicago papers. Mr. Morley paid \$5 for the coffee as his contribution to the strike fund. Mrs. Graham Dolan serves the noted author. (Chicago Newspaper Guild photo by striking cameraman.)

Tories Move To Boost Cut in WPA Fund

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pressed with the gravity of the situation.

Unless there is a sharp increase in protests from the voters back home, there appears little chance that the appropriations subcommittee in charge of drafting the bill or the full committee will support an increase over the \$725,000,000 voted by the House.

As far as other senators are concerned, Republicans and Tory Democrats have been busy lining up pledges against any increased appropriation.

Although he was originally for a \$600,000,000 grant, Chairman Adams of the subcommittee told newspapermen at the close of today's hearings that he now thought that the \$725,000,000 in the House Bill would probably be approved.

Published hearings of the House Appropriations Sub-Committee indicated that this body too had seriously considered the \$600,000,000 sum.

Col. Harrington was questioned in this matter and told the Congressmen that this would necessitate a cut down to 1,160,000 workers on WPA in June of this year.

He was asked to tell the subcommittee off the record just what he thought the reaction of WPA workers and the unemployed would be. What he told the representatives is not known, but the proposal was shortly afterwards dropped.

Whether he will succeed in stopping this move as effectively in the Senate when he concludes his testimony tomorrow morning remains to be seen.

But in the meantime advocates of the second major cut in relief funds were pressing their cause with as much vigor as Netel. Deal Senators who were urging restoration of the first cut.

There was every indication that the question of politics in relief will play as large a part in the Senate debate as in the House. Senator Carl A. Hatch of New Mexico introduced three amendments to prevent the promises of benefits to relief workers for political purposes, prohibit solicitation of campaign funds from relief workers and prevent exertion of political pressures by supervisory workers.

Progressive leaders indicated that they were in favor of ending any coercive political practices which may exist on WPA but that they will flatly oppose any restrictions on civil rights of WPA workers as imposed in the Cole Amendment passed in the House.

This amendment would actually prevent one WPA worker from discussing politics with another WPA worker.

An important step in rallying support for an adequate relief grant was taken by the CIO in a letter to all affiliates signed by Unemployment Director Hetzel.

Hetzel urged CIO unions "to make known to their representatives in Congress and to their local community the seriousness of the situation."

He bitterly criticized "the Reactionary Coalition of Democrats and Republicans" which slashed the President's bid for funds in the House and assailed the Cole Amendment as well as the amendment barring aliens from receiving WPA funds.

Referring to the amendment offered by the Republicans to appropriate \$350,000,000 for two months and in the meantime "investigate" WPA, he said that "it certainly would have provided better conditions for the next two months than the appropriation made under the direction of the conservative Democrats."

Morris Flays Tammany Reorganization Substitute

Cashmore's Plan Means Continuation of Rule of City by Mandamus and Court Decrees, Declares Council President

Council President Newbold Morris yesterday assailed a series of old guard bills on county reorganization to be introduced in the City Council today by vice-chairman John Cashmore as a plan to continue "government by mandamus and court decrees."

U. S. Orders Steel Wage Rate Boost

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following wage rates to common labor:

Sixty-two and one-half cents an hour in 17 northern states and the District of Columbia. Sixty cents an hour in 11 western states; 58½ cents an hour in seven middle-western states and 45 cents an hour in 13 southern states.

WAGE BOOST FOR \$6,000. Research Director Harold Rittenberg of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, said that between 75,000 and 80,000 eastern state steel workers receiving less than the minima recommended and that about 10,000 southern workers are below the scale.

Approximately 325,000 workers normally are employed in the steel industry.

Bethlehem Steel Company must raise wages in 10 of its 12 plants if it desires to continue work on government contracts.

General Counsel Lee Pressman of the CIO Steel Workers Organizing committee hailed the decision as "ending the cut-throat, wage cutting policy of Bethlehem Steel Company on which it has based its program of getting government contracts."

In addition to Bethlehem, other major steel producers and the number of plants where they must raise wages to continue government work are:

United States Steel Corporation subsidiaries—Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., American Steel & Wire Co., Columbia Steel Co., and Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co.—at 11 of their 43 plants. Republic Steel Corporation, at four of its 11 plants. Inland Steel Company, at one of its two plants.

The wage rates will apply as follows:

Sixty-two and one-half cents an hour in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Indiana, Illinois (except the area in and about East St. Louis, Ill.), Michigan, New York, Wisconsin, Delaware, Kentucky, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, the District of Columbia and that portion of the State of West Virginia within the counties of Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Harrison and Monongalia. Sixty cents an hour in Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Arizona.

Fifty-eight and one-half cents an hour in North Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and the area in and about East St. Louis, Ill.

Forty-five cents an hour in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Oklahoma, Texas, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia and West Virginia (except the counties of Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Harrison and Monongalia, W. Va.).

UPHOLDS WAGE FOR TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—Wage Hour Administrator Elmer F. Andrews tonight denied the appeal

Longo, Free From Hague Jail, Thanks All His Defenders

Expresses Especial Appreciation for Work of Vito Marcantonio and the ILD; Must Recupercate from Jail Injury

One of John Longo's first actions upon his release from Laurel Hills Penitentiary where he served nine months as Mayor Frank Hague's political prisoner, yesterday expressed his thanks to all who aided in his defense.

Longo is now recuperating from a serious infection in his arm resulting from an injury received at work in the prison kitchen. As soon as he is completely recovered he will go to Washington as a guest of Congressman Vito Marcantonio, his chief defense counsel.

Longo's statement follows: "Now that the darkest part of my confinement is over, I wish to express my appreciation and tribute of gratitude to the thousands of persons throughout the country who showed their interest in democracy and liberty by, becoming aroused over my case—an interest expressed first in the kind words that filled the mailboxes I received in jail and by their cooperation with the Longo Defense Committee."

"I can't forget and never did forget throughout the long months of my confinement and throughout the trial which sent me to it, the brilliant and completely unselfish assistance which Congressman Marcantonio rendered in my behalf."

"Entering the case upon a personal plea from me to come and defend me, he refused any monetary remuneration whatsoever and I received the most courageous and efficient defense that anyone could hope for. If it had not been for Mr. Marcantonio I would have been just another political convict stored away for years."

"It was truly the wide political perspective that he gave to my defense—the fact that he proved conclusively that I was being prosecuted because I differed with Mayor Hague's political opinions—that made my confinement worthwhile and easier in the sense that though I was locked behind stone walls and prison bars, I was neither forgotten nor alone."

"I owe an eternal debt of gratitude to Mrs. J. C. Guggenheimer who volunteered her services as treasurer of the Longo Defense Committee, and through her tireless efforts made it possible, without a single penny of personal expense to me, to carry through the appeals in my case, the investigations which disclosed the jury packing, etc."

"To the International Labor Defense and its secretary, Miss Anna Damon, goes my deepest thanks for its constant and untiring support and assistance to the Longo Defense Committee and to me, Attorney Sol



JOHN LONGO

Kapeloohn retained by the ILD to assist in the legal defense handled the appeals in a brilliant manner.

"I have no immediate plans for the future. As soon as my arm is well I shall go to Washington to consult with Congressman Marcantonio on the future of the Longo case and of John Longo himself."

ILGWU Charges Firms Evade Wage-Hour Law

A large number of firms in the needle trades industry are evading the Wages and Hours Law through industrial homework and out-of-town contractors, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union charged yesterday.

Elias Lieberman, counsel for the union, called on the Wages and Hours Administration and the Interstate Commerce Commission to halt the evasions.

The union attorney charged that an examination of 15 states revealed home owners earning between \$1 and \$2 a week.

On farming out of contract work to other states, Lieberman said these firms clearly come under the provisions of the law.

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A Kiss From Kuhn

No one can serve democracy and Hitlerism at the same time. And that goes for Rep. Dies.

When Fritz Kuhn, leader of the Nazi Bund, declares in his personal organ, the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, that "Mr. Dies' wish [for funds] should by all means be gratified," that speaks volumes about the Dies Committee.

When Dies was asking Congress last year to give him money to investigate un-American activities, here is what he said:

"I am not inclined to look under every bed for a Communist, but I can say to this House that there is in my possession a mass of information showing the establishment and operation of some 32 Nazi camps in the United States, that all of these camps have been paid for, that they claim a total membership of 480,000 . . . that in these camps men are marching and saluting the swastika." (Congressional Record, page 9961).

That was why the American people and Congress started the Dies Committee—because Dies gave his solemn word that he would throw the spotlight on the real menace to our country: fascism. And now, after five months of "investigation," the leader of those very same un-American forces which were to be ferreted out, blows kisses at the "investigator" and urges more government money for him.

When Hitler's direct agent here says "The Dies Committee must go on," it is time for every lover of democracy to wake up. It is time to demand of every Representative in Congress that no more funds go to Dies, that he be replaced by a committee which will NOT win the plaudits of the very subversive forces it is directed to investigate.

Guam and the Issue Of National Defense

A howl has gone up in the Japanese jingo press intended to frighten the United States away from securing the Pacific areas of America from Nippon's war plans.

Kokumin, violently reactionary Tokyo newspaper, makes the dire (and empty) threat that Japan will "smash the American fleet" if the United States intends to fortify Guam. The fact is that American security will surely be assaulted if this country does not take measures to defend itself from the aggressor trio.

Evidently schooled by Hitler in the triple fascist alliance, the Japanese warlords believe that all that is necessary is to open up a piercing barrage of threats and bullying against a democracy in order to win a future battle.

The starting point of any consideration of the Far Eastern situation must begin with Japan's aggression against China, now linked, through the triple fascist alliance, with Germany and Italy's active fascist drive in South America.

In the Pacific, Japan presses the encirclement of the U. S., while Hitler and Mussolini attempt this maneuver from the Atlantic side.

Now the United States is considering a general Pacific defense program to meet the specific fascist war threat, already under way in China. And Guam is one of the details in the general plan. This U. S. controlled tiny island, south of the Philippines, is important because of its strategic position. No doubt Japan would find its undoubted plans for ultimate attack on this country so much easier if Guam were not fortified. But the fortification issue is besides the point. The arrogance of Japan trying to dictate whether the American people have the right to take such measures on soil under the American flag is indicative of the menacing impudence of the Far Eastern ally of the Rome-Berlin axis.

Nor do all objections come from the Tokio War Council. Just as Hitler and Mussolini have their aides in America, it seems that a few functionaries in the State Department, who have been sabotaging needed and progressive revision of neutrality legislation, are also joining the shrill chorus in Japan against even considering Guam fortifications.

For instance, Sunday's N. Y. Times Washington correspondent included the following in a story concerning the Guam issue: "In the State Department approval of the Guam project is not unanimous. At least one high official is known to have taken the position that to make the island one of the two most important American bases might affront Japan . . ."

Breathing a word against fascism in defense of American liberties, might, these sort of people also argue, "affront Hitler and Mussolini and the Mikado."

The test of any issue of American national defense is not whether it will affront

Japan, or any of the fascist trio. What the American people want to know is: Will it secure American democracy? Will it save this country from the fascist encirclement? Will it really be a means of meeting the fascist war menace?

How Does the Nat'l. Debt Fit Into the Relief Crisis?

A man, like Senator Byrd of Virginia, who pays his farm labor starvation wages naturally is not enthusiastic about the New Deal relief and WPA job program. He would prefer to use the jobless to terrorize his workers.

This will explain something of the Senator's latest assault on the Federal relief appropriations. Byrd replies to Marriner S. Eccles, a defender of the New Deal appropriations, by flaunting the national debt like a bloody shirt. He knows that President Roosevelt has just proved that this country's national debt of 40 billion dollars could be tackled by having this country produce—which it is easily capable of doing—an 80-billion dollar a year national income—every year.

Byrd seizes on this figure as his "crushing" argument. He accusingly asked Eccles yesterday:

"Can you guarantee or even prophesize the year in which we shall have an income of \$80,000,000,000?"

Far from "crushing" the New Deal's relief and WPA program, this 80-billion dollar figure actually unmasks the Tories and Wall Street reactionaries. For it immediately raises the question—what is preventing the United States from achieving this 80-billion yearly income?

It is unlucky for Senator Byrd's case that while he was insisting that this income was impossible, another spokesman for Big Business, Col. Ayres, of the Cleveland Trust Company, yesterday predicted that America can, and probably will, reach the 80-billion dollar national income in 1939.

"This is by no means an excessive figure," he said. "We had a national income of about \$80,000,000,000 in 1929, and now we have 9,000,000 more people than then."

This economist admits the income is possible so that he can use its easy practicability as a club over the Government, saying Business will give it to the nation if the Government lets business have some more of this stuff they call "confidence." Meaning the repeal of Government regulation of Big Business's piracies.

But, it is his admission which is damaging; it is the clear retreat by Byrd and every Tory who hollers about the "budget." The answer to the budget question is a greater national income, and recovery.

But that immediately turns the spotlight on the Big Business crowd which is blocking recovery by its refusal to start new investments, re-employment, and increased production.

Worthy of a Fascist Agent

True to their role of agents for reaction and fascism, Jay Lovestone and his followers are now out to undermine the defense of the Wagner Act.

The latest issue of the Workers Age, Lovestone's disruptive paper, talks of what it calls the "CIO's amendments to the Wagner Act," and suggests that these and other "strengthening" amendments to the Act be supported.

This is typical Lovestone treachery. The CIO is backing amendments, not to the Wagner Act, but to the WALSH-HEALEY ACT, in order to make holders of government contracts comply with Labor Board decisions. If the CIO has concentrated on any single campaign during recent months, it is this: "NO amendments to the Wagner Labor Act."

Trade unionists will not fall for this despicable attempt by agents of the open-shoppers to spread confusion and to sabotage the defense of collective bargaining.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN --- AN ETERNALLY YOUNG AMERICAN

They will be placing floral wreaths on statues of Benjamin Franklin in the larger cities. Today is Ben's 233rd birthday; he was born Jan. 17, 1706.

The passionately democratic, cool, and quizzical mind of this great American needs to be honored today. To honor Franklin is to take new courage for renewed battle against the dark and evil forces which menace the best of humanity's achievements today.

He was past threescore and ten when he took his place in the front ranks of the American Revolution. In France and England he rallied the forces of world progress to aid the young American Republic. He was a sort of Litvinov of his day.

In the Constitutional convention, he was the oldest delegate; but his plan for a single house in Congress, and a President elected

World Front

By
HARRY GANNES



General Franco's exaggerated tendency ting another fling in Catalonia.

But the fascist invaders of Spain and for premature "victory" celebrations is get-their Spanish aide-de-camp, Franco, have less cause for gloating over the military advances they have recently made than about the new support they were promised by British Premier Neville Chamberlain.

Even with the present superiority of fascist war materials, together with the huge Italian fascist army and air armada leading the Chamberlain offensive, Franco himself would have to acknowledge that his chances for turning Barcelona into a slaughter house are smaller than were his hopes for ravaging Madrid two years ago.

But Italian fascist commanders and their Nazi associates who direct Franco are bent on demonstrative gains so that these can be exploited by their agents everywhere and by the reactionary press against the tremendously rising pro-Loyalist sentiment in France, Great Britain and the United States.

It is coming to light now that the Italian-led murderous drive in Catalonia is more than a Chamberlain offensive "diplomatically." History will yet prove that it is a Chamberlain drive FINANCIALLY as well. New proof of this has just been revealed. The very fact that it now seeps into the press cables from Europe is evidence that Chamberlain is about to bring into the open what British bankers have been doing right along—handing huge sums of money to Franco and to Mussolini for the war against Loyalist Spain.

Here, for example, is the latest information on this dark and dirtiest side of the fascist invasion against Spain. An Associated Press dispatch, dated at Geneva, published in both the New York Herald Tribune and Times, Monday, reported:

"Britain also was reported to be considering two methods of lending money to Italy—either directly or by way of Insurgent Spain, which would pay part of the mounting Insurgent debt in Rome for war materials."

Nothing could be clearer in exposing the fact that Chamberlain discussed ways of further helping Mussolini to pay for the invasion against Spanish democracy. However, that only the open stage of these transactions is being witnessed now is attested to by the following item which appeared in Business Week more than seven months ago, June 11, 1938:

"Italian authorities insist that Britain is already helping Italy financially by taking off the hands of the Italians, at favorable discounts, some debts owed to Spain."

Despite all this, despite the smirking confidence of Chamberlain as he left Rome that he would return in the not distant future to discuss further "appeasement" over smoldering Spanish ruins, Loyalist Spain is proving to the world that it will not be vanquished.

What the fascist shrieked was their "brilliant advance," actually was an orderly and strategic retreat by the Loyalists to block any really menacing advance of the Chamberlain offensive. Without in the slightest underestimating the overwhelming military superiority and diplomatic treachery being hurled at Barcelona, without belittling in the slightest the perils created for this sector of Loyalist Spain, still we believe that the outline of truth as seen through the thick of intensifying battle is best shown by the following three items gleaned from the press Monday:

(1) From the fascist-tainted source, Hendaye, the bitterly reactionary Associated Press, quoting military observers, said they "saw little immediate danger to the government capital. They saw that the orderly withdrawal of the government forces indicated that it might prove a long-and plan to make the most determined stand along the natural line of mountain defenses near the provincial border."

(2) A wireless from Barcelona to the New York Times on Monday said: "Everything is out (men and materials from the territory given up) and the battle goes on. . . . From the military aspect the situation is considered here to be no worse than it was a week ago. . . ."

(3) In the fine cable by the Daily Worker correspondent, Sam Russel, in yesterday's Daily Worker, the following taken from a statement of the Communist Party of Spain is quoted: "The Spanish Communist Party is firmly convinced that the measures of the government placing the whole country on a war footing will ensure the halting of the advance of the invaders in Catalonia and a rapid and complete improvement of the military situation."

But the fight does not go on in Spain alone. One of the most strategic positions is right here in the United States. Along with Franco's wild offensive there is a rapid campaign in this country to keep the fascist-aiding embargo clamped down on Spain.

And to the degree that the American people can defeat Franco's American Fifth Column—and actually lift the criminal embargo on Spain—American democracy can help determine the fate of Spanish freedom and world peace in these critical days.

directly by popular vote was the most revolutionary of all submitted. "Some of the worst rogues," he remarked dryly to the property-men who feared popular democracy, "I have ever known have been also the richest rogues."

He would have taken one good look at our up-to-date Tories—Mr. Dies, for example—and he would have found one short, good word of contempt for their pretensions to the American heritage of democracy. Imagine what "Poor Richard" would have done with the spectacle of a Hitler and his "aryans!"

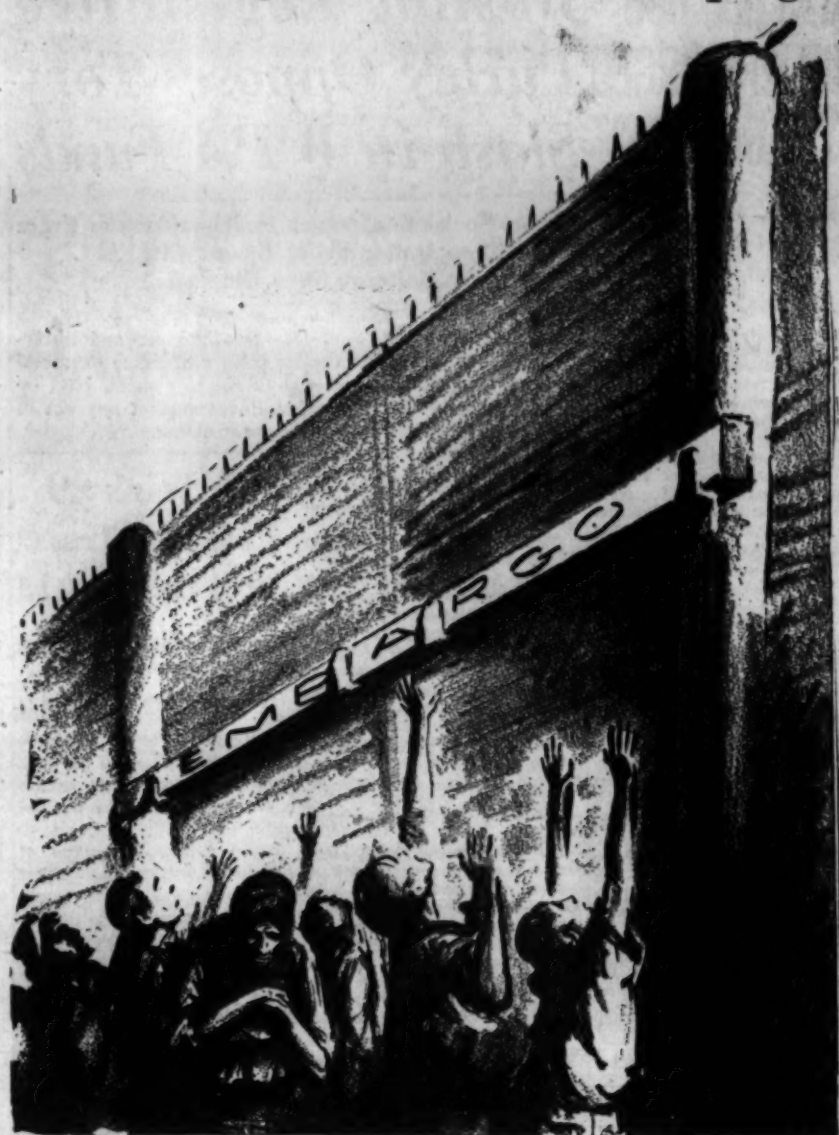
Let us then share in the bracing revolutionary heritage of this genial and keen democrat. Greetings and many happy returns, Ben!

We are carrying on.



An Editorial

Do Your Duty to Spanish Democracy— Smash Coughlin's Fascist Campaign



—By ELLIS

At the moment when the Spanish people are fighting magnificently for their democratic freedom and our own, and therefore need the aid of the whole American people, the fascist Father Coughlin intensifies his treasonable "keep the Spanish embargo" campaign. There are thousands of brave democratic Spaniards, who, because of unspeakable embargoes like this country's, are forced to bare naked breasts before the machine gun fire and 9-inch shells of Mussolini, Hitler and Franco—the number one enemies of American democracy.

And right off the reel, here is ample reason why the American people, as never before, must redouble their energy to lift the shameful Spanish embargo.

It is, of course, nothing new for Coughlin to oppose the "lift the embargo" movement, since he bitterly attacks every democratic move of the American people. But already during this campaign the press reports that he has procured some 30,000 "keep the embargo" telegrams to Congress. This he has done under cover of the demagogic slogan "Keep Neutral: Do Not Lift the Embargo." There never was a bigger or more dangerous lie than this; for it is our present "neutrality" which is monstrously un-neutral because it aids the fascist butchers of Spain.

And in aiding Franco, the present dis-

graceful Spanish embargo helps the very fascist axis which is making toward war—a terrible world slaughter which would engulf the Americas. The lifting of the embargo would aid the Spanish people who are valiantly battling against the war-makers, and, therefore, who are defending democracy and peace all over—including our own. Not only is Coughlin's "keep the embargo" campaign a terrible crime against America, but specifically it seeks victory for fascism which is the worst enemy of the Catholic people.

The feverish activities of Coughlin, and his pro-Franco Wall Street backers, should emphasize the necessity of the American people immediately spurring their activities to break down this pro-fascist embargo. Coughlin's 30,000 telegrams wouldn't be a drop in the bucket to what the democratic American people could do in behalf of Spanish, and American, democracy. The sympathies—and more substantial, the interests—of the American people are with Spanish democracy. But those sympathies and interests must be translated into immediate action. Wire or write your Congressman and President Roosevelt today to: Lift the Spanish Embargo! Have your union, club, church or other organization do the same. The victory of Spanish democracy, the peace and security of every American home demands it!

Letters From Our Readers

Employ Science to Flood Earth With Enlightenment—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Signs are appearing that indicate the approach of a long overdue realization by scientists of the need for the cooperation, or merger of scientific theory and practice with economic, social and political theory and practice. The abolition of poverty, of war and the utmost possible equality of opportunities, economic security, etc., has been brought into bold relief.

The day has come for every truly progressive party (and the Communist Party is forging ahead of all of them) to incorporate into its tenets of political doctrine and its planks of election platforms, clearly defined aims for the joining of science with advanced politics seeking to remake the world and transform society from the overlaid, conflicted body that it is today into a socialist cooperative one, constantly building safe roads for living that all of the people may get and enjoy a maximum of peace and of contentment.

Science! Let us strive to make it like a magic fulcrum for lifting humanity from the present man-made hell of poverty and misery up to a lane of great material and spiritual attainments!

We know that fascism is using science to spread darkness, oppression and death. For that reason if for no other it becomes our highest duty to employ science for flooding the earth with enlightenment, enrich it with freedom and for the making reasonably certain for every one the living of a fruitful life.

—A. D.

Thanks Union For Help In Raising Quota

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I am very happy indeed to have been able to raise \$150.00 for the Daily Worker.

A consider it an honor and can point with pride

to the members of the Local No. 35 Pressers Union of which I am a member, that they have aided me to a great extent in raising that money.

I am a member of the Bronx Communist Party, 5th A.D., and we all hope that the Daily Worker will continue in its great crusade against injustice and oppression.

It is the only paper that stands for the unbiased truth.

I wish also to thank the members—leaders of the 5th A.D. of the Bronx Communist Party for the set of Lenin Books which they donated from the State Committee.

—JOE BYKLEN.

Petitions To Abolish Dies Committee

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I believe that a suggestion from you that your readers draw up petitions urging the abolishment of the disreputable Dies Committee is extremely important and urgent, in view of the fact that the committee is requesting more funds to continue their infamous work. Funds that could be used for a more useful and progressive service.

—ESTELLE RACHLIN.

Wants More Jersey News

Newark, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As a reader of your fine paper, and upholder of democratic rights which your paper champions so well, and also as a New Jerseyite, I urge you to include more Jersey news in your columns.

Your column once a week is excellent, but insufficient.

—LAWRENCE ELLSWORTH,
BEATRICE ELLSWORTH.

PERSONAL---BUT NOT PRIVATE

By DAVE FARRELL

In the Clubhouse After the Game

The ball game is over. The players have all disappeared into that mysterious cavern below the dug-out. The crowds are piling up in the exits, pushing, shoving, eager to get away. The lights dim down on the playing field. Now the arena takes on that almost mystic, eerie air of unreality and resembles a darkened theatre, with only a single bulb burning in the pilot-light on an empty stage. A couple of khaki garbed ground-keepers come out and begin to water the grass on the edge of the infield. Hustlers from the concessions stands start collecting empty beer cans, pop bottles and cushions left by the departed guests. Their wives pitch in and help, so that they can get away a few minutes earlier, volunteer workers on a clean-up committee.

Their voices carry up to us in the press-box. But we're not very much interested in what they're saying or thinking. Type-writers, teletype machines are clicking. One of the boys is phoning to a rewrite man who will phrase his story much better. One of the boys is working frantically over his score-book and transposing figures into long white sheets. At last he looks up and asks, "What time did the game end?"

"Ten-seventeen."

"Okay! Time of game two hours and two minutes. Here's your box-score, fellows."

There is a scrambling for the sheets and the machines start to pound "Stats 9412000" which tomorrow you will interpret as "Stats playing center field, came to bat four times, scored a run, got two hits, made no put-outs, assists or errors."

Now the machines have stopped clicking. Covers are placed over them and the men who cover the game are through with a night's work. They are free to go home, or out to amuse themselves any way they choose.

But none of them do. Instead, they go "up-stairs," to the club offices. On a large table is a deck of greasy, dog-eared cards and a couple of dozen cans of cold beer. These are attacked at once and seem to melt away.

Somebody asks, "Who wants to play hearts?"

Four speak up and a game is started. But hardly has the first hand been dealt when the door opens and in comes the Truck, boss of the victorious Angels. He is greeted ribaldly which he shakes off.

"Who was the scorer?" he asks.

"I was," admits one of the men. "What's your beef, the error I gave Eddie Mayo?"

"If that was an error, then I'm a bike-rider. That was the short-stop's ball. Mayo was lucky to get a paw on that one."

"Says you!" is the best the reporter can come up with. "Let me tell you..."

"You can't tell me anything. How many of you guys know that my outfit didn't get a single chance tonight?"

There is a scrambling into pockets for the score-books. Hasty looks corroborate; now a dash for the phones by the morning paper reporters. The jumbled voices melt into one, a berceuse to a rewrite man on the sports desk.

"What else do you know, Truck?"

"Why should I tell you guys anything? You wouldn't get it right anyway. Go on play hearts."

The card players sense the manager has another juicy item up his sleeve. They badger, pester and belabor him until he comes across.

"I just traded Gudat for Red Van Fleet."

"What? What's the idea of getting rid of Marvin?"

"Had to," is the manager's laconic reply. "Lillard's out for the rest of the year and I got to have another starting pitcher."

Now there is another dash for the phones. And this time there is bedlam, because the afternoon paper reporters want that one, too.

A semblance of order is restored and now comes the questions. "Will Gudat report? What is Van Fleet's record? How old is he? Did he have to give any money for him? When does he report? Does he remember that Van Fleet has never finished a game in Wrigley Field?"

"Of course, Gudat will report. That's baseball. Van Fleet has won twelve and lost fourteen with a last place club. He's 23 years old. The deal was even-seven with a shilling changing hands. He reports immediately and I'm going to use him in one of the games on Sunday's double-header. Suppose he hasn't been able to win or finish a game in this park. But that was against the Angels. With them ought to be another story."

But as he talks I feel that Truck is holding something back. He hasn't quite come clean. As the manager finishes a can and turns to go, I rise with him.

"Which way are you going?" asks Truck.

"My way," I answer.

We ride down the elevator in silence. But once out of the building I ask him, "Isn't there an angle for my papers?" I ask.

"There might be," he answers. "The guy's name is Red Agi."

"How'd he get it?" I ask.

"You remember those hundred and sixteen players of the St. Louis Cardinals farm that were declared free agents last spring?"

"I should say I do."

"Red set off the time bomb," says Truck as he climbs into his car. "You might find him very interesting."

As I ride home I make a note that Master Dwight Van Fleet is definitely a man to be cultivated.

SPORTS DAILY WORKER SPORTS

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, JANUARY, 17, 1939

Pedro Montanez Again Appears On Way to Top

Puerto Rican Lightweight in Main Comeback Test Against Logan

Pedro Montanez is himself again. The Puerto Rican lightweight, who makes his first New York Hippodrome appearance against Ambrose Logan, of New Haven, on Friday night, has been performing with all his former brilliance of late and appears headed for another titular opportunity.

Out of action from April, 1938, to November, because of a variety of ailments, Montanez returned to the ring in the late fall and proceeded to sweep all opposition before him as he did when he came to the shores for the first time late in '35. At that time Montanez ran up a string of close to thirty consecutive victories before suffering a setback.

Now his recent string of triumphs is in jeopardy again since Logan represents the toughest foe he has met since resuming activities. The Nutmeg State has been something of a sensation in the manner in which he faunted betting odds to conquer such worthies as Primo Flores and George Zengars.

Early in '38, Montanez defeated Tommy Spiegel and Norment Quarles and fought a draw with Tommy Cross. He was far below form in the Cross fight (though most spectators thought he should have won) and his manager, Lew Burston, decided to have him undergo a complete physical examination. It was discovered that Montanez was suffering from badly diseased tonsils, that he had four impacted teeth which were filling his system with poison.

The tonsils were removed, the teeth treated, and Pedro underwent 28 injections into his blood to remove all the poison that had accumulated. Today he is a healthy fighter.

His last four starts since getting back have all ended in knockout victories. Definitely, he's himself again.

Yank Rookies Top Minor Loop Batting

Buddy Rosar and Charlie Keller, ex-Newark Bears who will perform for the Yanks this season, come to the big-time with the impressive record of having led International League batters in '38 according to official figures released yesterday.

Rosar, who will spell Bill Dickey behind the plate, led the loop with the tremendous mark of 387 while his outfielding mate batted 365. An indication of the terrific power of the two rookies is the wide gap of 38 percentage points between Keller's mark and the 339 standard of Jimmy Outlaw, Syracuse outfielder who came third.

Bob Seeds, Giants utility outfielder, tied a league record when he clouted four homers in for consecutive times at bat while with Newark. George ("Stolen Base") Myatt, who stepped from the Jersey City farm into a regular third-base post with the Giants, led the league in base-pitching with 45.

Red Lucas Released

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 16 (UP).—Charles Fred (Red) Lucas, a National League pitcher for 15 years, was released unconditionally today by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

LITTLE LEFTY



Nothin' To It!



On Local Courts:

St. John's and LIU Prep For Western Invaders

By Stan Kurman

Sonja Henie and final exams have combined to slow down the college basketball season to a horse-and-buggy pace. But St. John's and L.I.U. will engage in a couple of tests this week prior to the invasion of Toledo, which meets L. I. U., and De Paul, which meets St. John's, at the Garden Jan. 27.

St. John's will face aggressive Fordham at Rose Hill tomorrow night. The Rams looked hot until St. Francis came along and then completely collapsed before the onslaught of the Sindat Singh-led Syracuse five. But the Rams probably got a lot of bad ball out of their systems and are a cinch to put plenty of fire in the traditional battle.

LIU takes on the New York A. C. at Brooklyn Pharmacy tomorrow night. Clair Bee has promoted Joe Shelly and Sol Schwartz, who have impressed in relief roles, to starting spots alongside of Art Hillhouse. Irv Torgoff and Dan Kaplowitz. With this combine, which puts George Newman and John Bromberg on the bench at the opening whistle, Bee will field a quintet which averages nearly 6 ft. 3.

Dolly King, husky Negro star who has been ineligible for the past half-season, has cleared up his conditions and will be set to return to action. Bee will undoubtedly use the rangy King against the Winged Foot quintet as Hillhouse graduates shortly after the Toledo game. King is the only man who looms as a possible successor to the rangy center, who has played the best ball of his career in the current season.

Both De Paul and Toledo loom as tough engagements for New York's high-scoring Chuck Chuckovits, has a brilliant record, including wins over Syracuse, Notre Dame and Dartmouth, all court powers of proven ability. The Westerners have lost only one of their eleven games—and that was a disputed one-point defeat by Ball State.

Chuckovits is one of the greatest shot-makers in the game today. He has accounted for one-third of Toledo's points this year and will bear plenty of watching.

De Paul has another smart outfit, paced by Bob Neu, a scoring threat on his own hook. Neu's scoring average last year was over 12 points a game and to add to St. John's worries he's doing better than that already this year.

With the Small Fite Clubs

Sammy Luftspring, Canadian welterweight champion, stands at the crossroads of his career tonight when he clashes with Vince Pimulnells of Brooklyn in the feature eight round go at the Broadway Arena. Ed Frayne, general manager of the 20th Century Sports Club, will be at ringside tonight and stands prepared to offer Sammy a fight on the big time should Sammy dispose of the Brooklyn battler.

Luftspring has been compiling an enviable record at the smaller emporiums of sock, and each successive victory finds him a more attractive box-office feature.

Tommy Spigal, the Pittsburgh leather pusher, meets Joey Costa in the eight round semi-windup, in what promises to be a 'whale of a scrap. Spigal is fast becoming a great favorite with the Arena fight fans and this match figures to produce a real slug fest. Two sizes and two fours complete the card.

The Bronx brethren who go in for sock and block won't have far to travel for it. Walter Franklin and Bob Turner are pitted against each other in the feature eight rounder at the Coliseum, which headlines a well-rounded card. Franklin, definitely a comer, should be put to the acid test by Turner.

Sabin Cops Second Tennis Title

ORLANDO, Fla., Jan. 16 (UP).—Wayne Sabin of Portland, Ore., today held his second major singles championship of the winter tennis circuit.

Sabin, who won the Dixie tournament last week, added the Florida state title Sunday by defeating Gene Mako of Los Angeles, 8-6, 4-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

THIS WEEK: Training Camp Interviews With Joe Louis, John Henry Lewis

Local Court Stars To Play in Anti- Nazi Benefit Game

Stellar Pro Quintet and College Luminaries to Participate in Benefit at Bronx YMHA

The brightest luminaries in the metropolitan college and professional basketball firmament will contribute their services for the benefit of refugees from Nazism in a double-header sponsored by the House Council Keren Aml Committee of the Bronx Young Men & Women's Hebrew Association Thursday evening at 8:30. The games will take place at the Bronx Y.M.W.H.A. court, 171st St. and Fulton Ave.

In the first game the college stars, composed of outstanding basketbakers from New York City's leading universities, will be pitted against the Bronx Y's varsity squad while the second contest will see an all-star pro aggregation tackling the quintet wearing the colors of Local 102, of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Al Lenowicz, of St. Francis, at present the leading scorer in the city, having tallied a total of 122 points in eleven games, will be among the college boys, who will feature two of his leading competitors, Irwin Torgoff and Danny Kaplowitz, both of Long Island University's present wonder team, scoring 35 and 33 points respectively for ten contests.

Altogether the college all-star team will put a squad of ten players on the Bronx Y's floor. Besides Lenowicz, Torgoff and Kaplowitz, the all-stars will present George Newman, another of Clair Bee's stars, Dzienkiewicz, a leading scorer for St. Francis, Hassmiller, representing Fordham; Glancy and Cole, sharp-shooting threats of Manhattan; Manny Jarmon and Daniela, City College stars who dazzle with their brilliant passwork and cutting under the basket in the approved Nat Holman style; and Jim Coward, star Negro center, and Kusner, emblems of the Brooklyn College five.

Bronx Y's varsity is confident of victory on its home court, having built up an imposing record of victories in recent tilts. A popular neighborhood favorite, the Y team composed of former scholastic and settlement stars, hopes to take the play away from the all-stars.

A roll call of the Pro squad, among whom are several former Bronx Y players, reads like a basketball hall of fame. Playing with them is Gott-hoffer, one of the top-ranking pros in the country and one of the best players to ever don a sneaker. George Kramer, the greatest playmaker in the history of Long Island University, and "Lulu" Bender, so named because his beautiful arching shot is a "lulu" of the same Bee team, will be together again. Basketball fans who know their college court history will recollect Willie Rubenstein, who used to warm the cockles of Coach McCann's heart when he was the N.Y.U. star.

And for those who would like to see one of the greatest centers of all time in action, Lou Spindell, perhaps the greatest of Holman's proteges in C.C.N.Y., will round out the squad. Other pro stars of equal fame and prestige who will see service are George "Red" Wolfe, Morty Rabin, Pete Berenson and Kaplan; all starring for one or another of the various professional basketball teams playing in and around the metropolitan area.

The Local 102 squad that they will be facing is perhaps the strongest labor aggregation in the city. Its players are good enough to pound the gym boards for almost any of the various metropolitan colleges. Many of them, like Gershon M. Weissman, Banks and Adelson, were

With the score tied at 10-10, the Giants capitalized on a break with less than five minutes to go. Ed Goddard, former Washington State star, fumbled a punt deep in his own territory and big Orville Tuttle recovered for the Giants. Tuffy Leemans cracked seven yards in three plays and then, on fourth down, Cuff kicked the winning points from the 20-yard line.

A crowd of 15,000 saw the game, which will be an annual feature with proceeds going to the Salvation Army. The first half was dull. The Giants scored first in the second period on Leonard Barnum's 14-yard field goal. A few minutes later Ernie Smith, of the All-Stars, tied it with a 19-yard place kick.

The Stars forged ahead in the third period when Sammy Baugh of the Washington Redskins unleashed his passing arm and pitched two strikes. Cuff had just missed a field goal from the 47-yard line and the Stars took the ball on their own 20. Baugh threw a ten-yard pass to Perry Schwartz, former California end, and then he flicked one to Lloyd Cardwell, who caught it on the Giant 40 and ran for a touchdown. Tackle Joe Stydahar kicked the extra point.

The Giants began a drive late in the period and carried it over into the fourth to tie the score. On ten plays they marched 73 yards. Ed Danowski completed five straight passes in that drive, his last a 32-yard pitch which Chuck Gelatka caught on the goal-line. Cuff's conversion tied the score. Ten minutes later, Cuff's field goal decided it.

The Stars made 10 first downs to 13 for the Giants. Danowski out-passed Baugh, completing nine out of 13, compared to Sammy's four out of nine.

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